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Popular Cardboard Boat Regatta Approaches

In conjunction with the Springfield Days festival, Lake Accotink Park will hold festivities on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, which will feature a wide array of activities and entertainment including live music, a fireworks display, a water dog rescue demonstration, plus park activities such as mini-golf, carousel rides and tour boat rides. Lake Accotink Park is sponsoring the Paws on Parade portion of the Springfield Days parade, which begins at 10 a.m. in Springfield on Saturday. Following the parade, the Colonial Newfoundland's Water Dog Rescue demonstration will take place at 1 p.m. in Lake Accotink Park and the fireworks display will begin around 9:30 p.m.

One of the most popular attractions of the festival is the Fairfax County Park Authority's Cardboard Boat Regatta, which is one of the wildest and wackiest boat races of all time. There are two elements to the boat races—the judging of these unique cardboard vessels and the actual race. Before the race, prizes will be awarded in six categories—Pride of the Regatta, Best Design/Costume, Team Spirit, Creativity, Most Likely to Float and Titanic (Most Likely to Sink). The races take place on Sunday with the judging of the cardboard boats beginning at noon and the race following at 2 p.m. Tour boat rides will not be available on Sunday due to the race.

Registration for the Cardboard Boat Regatta is \$10 in advance per boat or \$20 per boat on the day of the event. There will be a parking fee of \$4 on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the Cardboard Boat Regatta or Springfield Days, please contact Lake Accotink Park at 703-569-0285 or visit the website at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/events.htm>

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Directions are as follows: Beltway Exit 54B (Braddock Rd.) east ½ mile to right at Heming Ave. to rear entrance. Or from I-95, take Old Keene Mill Rd. west to right on Hanover Ave. to left on Highland Ave. to right on Accotink Park Rd. to front entrance on left.

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